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City of Charleston Prepares for Severe Weather, Cancels Evening Recreation Programs

Charleston, S.C.-The National Weather Service Charleston is forecasting a line of strong to severe thunderstorms in the Charleston area late this afternoon into the evening, with the possibility of damaging wind gusts exceeding 58 mph. The most significant threat is expected from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight, according to NWS Charleston projections, with rainfall predictions around 1.0-1.5," with possibly higher local amounts through 7:00 a.m. tomorrow.

The City of Charleston will activate the Public Safety Operation Center at 4:30 p.m. to manage the city's response during and after the storm.

To ensure the safety of all staff and participants, city of Charleston Recreation Department games, programs and activities scheduled for 5 p.m. and later this evening have been canceled, and all Recreation facilities and buildings will close at 6 p.m.

City Emergency Management officials continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates, as needed.

City of Charleston Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff said, "As always, the safety of our citizens is job one. We urge everyone to stay tuned to local media for the latest weather forecast, and to exercise caution when on the roads."

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